MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The cancellation is recommended to the Government by the Police Commissioner. He himself suspends for the time being and the confirmation of that is made by the Government. As regards the circumstances, I believe they are found in the rules under which cancellation will be effected.

MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the member kindly point out to me instances of cancellation and suspension made by any of the Magistrates before whom the matter was brought up?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Report of the Commissioner of Police on the Conversion of some Mahomedans to Christianity in Arukutty.

53. **MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED** (*Nominated*): (1) With reference to the answers given by the Government in the Council on the 10th Vrischikam 1102, regarding the alleged forcible conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have called for the information required from the Commissioner of Police?

(2) If so, will they be pleased to place the same on the table?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) A copy of the report* received from the Commissioner of Police is placed on the table.

Brooke Bond Concession.

54. **MR. KALLUR NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*): (1) Has the Dewan declared in the last session of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly in connection with the recent Brooke Bond Scheme, that "the final verdict will rest with the representatives of the people"?

(2) Have the Government received resolutions protesting against the said scheme, passed in public meetings held in different parts of the State?

(3) Are the Government in receipt of memorials protesting against the scheme signed by the tax-payer citizens of the several villages of Central Travancore?

(4) Did the Government receive the resolutions of protest against the said scheme from the "All Travancore Conference" held at Chengannur on the 5th Medam 1102 and also from the conference of planters held at Kottayam on the 15th Edavam this year (1102)?

(5) Do the Government consider the above protests as coming from the people or their representatives?

(6) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Press Communiqué published by the Government on this subject is the final verdict on the scheme?

* *Vide* Appendix IV—page 154

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Appendix IV.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 53.**

R. O. C. No. 538/26/Genl. Office of the Commissioner of Police,
Trivandrum, 2nd April 1927

From

W. H. PITT ESQUIRE,
Commissioner of Police,
Travancore.

To

THE CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

Subject : - Alleged Conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity.

Reference : - Your No. R. O. C. 2696/27/Judl., dated 13-4-1927.

SIR,

With reference to the supplementary questions put by Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed on the subject of the alleged conversion of Mahomedans to Christianity in connection with interpellation No. 108 reported in the Proceedings of the Legislative Council on pages 300 and 301 of Vol. X, No. 4, I have the honour to report that Mr. R. K. Krishna Pillai, late Ag. Commissioner of Police, states that he saw a letter which was produced at the enquiry and purported to be signed by Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed, M. L. C. The authenticity was not doubted either by him or by the person who received it. The letter was handed back to its owner whose name is not on record. Since Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed M. L. C., in the guise of asking a supplementary question, has denied that he wrote such a letter, the letter must have been pseudonymous and it is regretted that any reference was made to it. I do not think that any purpose will be served by trying to trace the letter now It is unlikely to be discovered and Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed's denial completely disposes of the allegation that he wrote it.

2. There is no record of the names of places (other than those mentioned in the report) where protest meetings were held.

I have etc.,
W. H. PITT,
Commissioner of Police.

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